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June 30, 2010

Mr. Lawrence Howell, Executive Director  
Rite of Passage Silver State Academy  
100 Rosaschi Rd.  
Yerington, NV 89447

SUBJECT: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Dear Mr. Howell:

Pursuant to California Family Code, Section 7911 et al., this is official notification that Rite of Passage, Silver State Academy certification by the California Department of Social Services is continued through July 2011.

Certification will be reviewed annually. The Out-of-State Certification Unit (OSCU) will be honoring the Department's policy of having inspection authority to make visits with or without appointment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me, Olaniyan Akyeem at (916) 838-5875

Sincerely,

OLANIYAN AKYEEM  
Out-of-State Certification Analyst

c: Rosalind Hyde, Manager and Deputy Compact Administrator, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT**

<b>FACILITY NAME:</b> SILVER STATE ACADEMY	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b> 602300001
<b>ADMINISTRATOR:</b> LAWRENCE HOWELL	<b>FACILITY TYPE:</b> 731
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 100 ROSASCHI ROAD	<b>TELEPHONE:</b> 7754635111
<b>CITY:</b> YERINGTON	<b>ZIP CODE:</b> 89447
<b>CAPACITY:</b> 225	<b>DATE:</b> 06/29/2010
<b>TYPE OF VISIT:</b> Case Management	<b>TIME BEGAN:</b> 11:45 AM
<b>MET WITH:</b> Dana Centanni, Case Manager	<b>TIME COMPLETED:</b> 04:30 PM

**NARRATIVE****1 PURPOSE OF VISIT:**

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3 As mandated by California law, the purpose of this annual re-certification evaluation by the California  
4 Department of Social Services (CDSS) to verify the facility continues to:  
5 • Have adequate and appropriate resources to provide safe, suitable 24-hour residential care, supervision  
6 and treatment services to youth/clients in care.  
7 • Remain in substantial compliance with California licensing standards and regulations as well as  
8 remaining licensed and in good standing with the licensing authorities within their own state of  
9 geographical location.

**11 CALIFORNIA PLACING AGENCIES:**

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13 ROP is currently contracted for services with the following 17 California county placing agencies ranging from  
14 the northern to southern areas of the state: Alameda, Butte, Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Lassen, Marin,  
15 Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano,  
16 Sonoma, and Stanislaus. During the time of visit, there were a total of 84 California youth in currently in  
17 placement.

**19 FACILITY, PHYSICAL PLANT AND PROGRAM REVIEW CHANGES:**

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21 A tour of the campus was conducted. Special attention was given to the Concerns Units. Inspection  
22 revealed no issues of concern and appears to be operating under compliance at this time.  
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24 Since last year, ROP has made some significant changes within the Intake Orientation Training (IOT) unit.  
25 The following changes have been implemented: IOT now has the support of two Case Managers assigned to  
the unit. (See LIC 809 C continued)

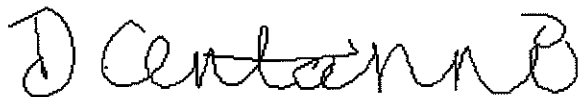
**SUPERVISOR'S NAME:** Mei Yuk Kung**TELEPHONE:** (916) 327-8763**LICENSING EVALUATOR NAME:** Olaniyan Akyeem**TELEPHONE:** (916) 838-5875**LICENSING EVALUATOR SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 06/29/2010**I acknowledge receipt of this form and understand my licensing appeal rights as explained and received.****FACILITY REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE:****DATE:** 06/29/2010**This report must be available at Child Care and Group Home facilities for public review for 3 years.**

**FACILITY EVALUATION REPORT (Cont)**CCLD Regional Office, 744 P STREET, MS 19-50  
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1 LIC 809 C continued)  
2 The additional of the Case Managers will allow each new student more one on one support as they transition  
3 into the program. In addition, treatment classes will be facilitated by the Case Managers on a regular  
4 scheduled basis for additional support.  
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6 ROP has also done away with the credits system on the IOT unit. Administration suggests that staff can no  
7 longer manipulate a student's earned credits by dropping him to a lower status for questionable minor rule  
8 infractions. A new "sign-off" system has now been implemented. Students will be required obtain signatures  
9 from both unit staff and Unit Managers (UM) for achieving basic requirements within the program structure.  
10 This new policy will allow the student the sense of achievement as he moves through the IOT orientation  
11 phase of his program. Administration reports that the new changes have been a success so far.  
12 FIRE CLEARANCE:  
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14 The most recent fire clearance was conducted on September 15, 2009 by the Armstrong Fire Inspection  
15 Services of Nevada. The results of the fire inspection revealed several pages of violations specific to the  
16 general buildings, grounds, fixtures and equipment. The following deficiencies were noted: Damaged  
17 emergency / exit lighting; missing or non-operable smoke alarms; miscellaneous electrical, etc. Armstrong  
18 did not include a compliance date on the inspection report. However, ROP's maintenance manager was able  
19 to provide a copy of the deficient areas that have since been repaired. A follow-up fire inspection is  
20 anticipated in September 2010  
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22 LOCAL STATE LICENSING / COMPLAINT(S) ISSUES:  
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24 ROP/SSA is currently operating at full licensing capacity according to the Tribal Licensing Agency. The last  
25 annual evaluation was conducted on July 15, 2009 resulting in minor rule deficiencies pertaining to client  
26 records. An additional note was also addressed regarding submission of incident reports in a timely manner,  
27 however no citation was issued. Yerington Paiute Tribal licensing concluded that ROP remains in substantial  
28 compliance at this time.  
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30 ROP has had no substantiated allegations from the Yerington Nevada licensing authorities since last year.  
31 (See LIC 809 C continued)  
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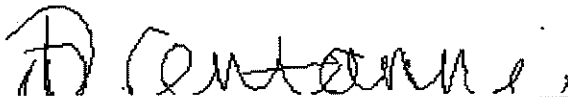
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3 CDSS, Out-of-State Certification Unit has substantiated (4) complaint allegations since last year involving  
4 student personal rights / application of SPM restraints. ROP has addressed each allegation and continues to  
5 address all issues of concern as required within CDSS compliance plan.  
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7 CLIENT(S) AND PERSONAL RIGHTS REVIEW:  
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9 Interviews of students revealed having no issues with their personal rights.  
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11 SCOPE OF CERTIFICATION REVIEW:  
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13 Certification review covered the following areas: Programming; intake and discharge procedures; discipline  
14 policy; emergency intervention techniques; medical procedures and records review; facility file review; staff  
15 and student interviews; observation of program and daily activities; criminal record review; personal rights;  
16 food services; staff trainings; emergency disaster plan; fire clearance; and all issues pertaining to physical  
17 plant.  
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19 OUT-OF-STATE CERTIFICATION FINDINGS, VIOLATIONS AND PLAN OF CORRECTIONS:  
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21 No deficiencies noted at this time.  
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23 CERTIFICATION DECISION: Re-certification Approved  
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